

II. REMARKS

The Ex Parte Quayle Action dated November 23, 2009, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-4 and 6-23 are pending. Claims 3, 6-8, 10, and 12-20 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, and 21-23 are objected to.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended, and claims 6-8 and 10 are canceled. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, claim 1 has been amended and claims 6-8 and 10 have been canceled, to remove subject matter that is not embraced by the elected embodiment or the identified nonelected species described in the Office Action dated May 13, 2009. In other words, the claims have been amended to remove subject matter wherein M-T is other than 4-[5-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide.

As noted by the Examiner, the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with U.S. patent practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 3 and 12-20, which incorporate all of the limitations of independent claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00058.

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